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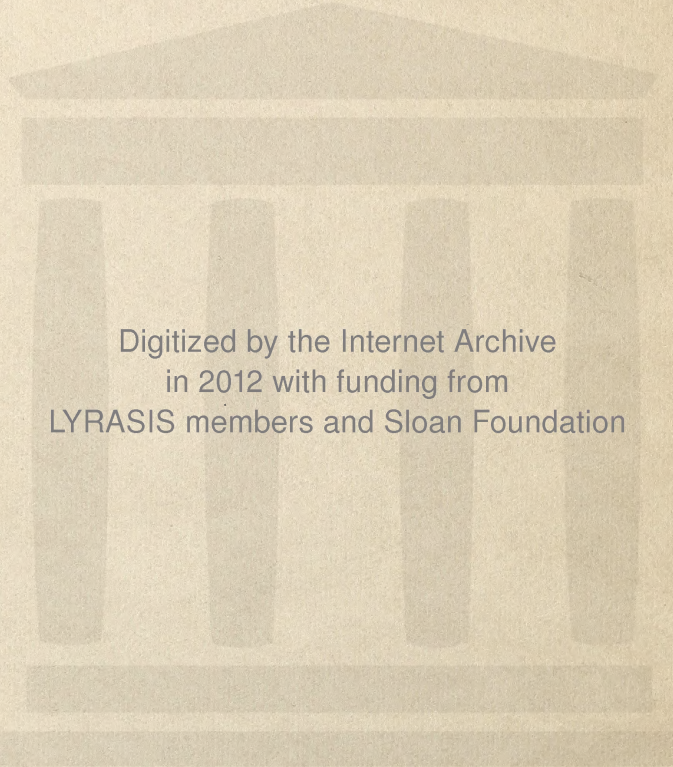
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LIST OF OFFICERS

Elected August 14, 1895.

PRESIDENT:

DR. CYRUS THOMPSON.....Richlands, N. C.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

JOHN GRAHAM.....Ridgeway, N. C.

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

W. S. BARNES.....Raleigh, N. C.

LECTURER:

REV. J. T. B. HOOVER.....Elm City, N. C.

STEWARD:

DR. V. N. SEAWELL.....Villanow, N. C.

CHAPLAIN:

REV. P. H. MASSEY.....Durham, N. C.

DOOR-KEEPER:

GEORGE T. LANE.....Greensboro, N. C.

ASSISTANT DOOR-KEEPER:

JAMES E. LYON.....Durham, N. C.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

A. D. K. WALLACE.....Rutherfordton, N. C.

BUSINESS AGENT:

THADEUS IVEY.....Cary, N. C.

TRUSTEE B. A. FUND:

MAJ. W. A. GRAHAM.....Machpelah, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A. F. HILEMAN.....Concord, N. C.

N. C. ENGLISH.....Trinity, N. C.

JAMES M. MEWBOORNE.....Kinston, N. C.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

JOHN BRADY.....Gatesville, N. C.

DR. J. F. HARRELL.....Whiteville, N. C.

T. J. CANDLER.....Acton, N. C.

DELEGAETS NATIONAL CONVENTION:

DR. J. E. PERSON.....Fremont, N. C.

ALTERNATE:

J. W. DENMARK.....Raleigh, N. C.

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CARY, N. C., August 13, 1895.

The State Alliance was called to order promptly at 11 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, August 13, 1895, by President James M. Mewboorne. Brothers J. T. B. Hoover and T. T. Speight were appointed by the President to assist in purging the house.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. T. T. Speight.

The President appointed the following Committee on Credentials: A. J. Dula, S. A. Earnhardt, W. E. Bowers.

While the Committee were looking after Credentials resolutions were introduced.

Resolution No. 1, introduced by J. T. B. Hoover, which was referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Resolution No. 2, introduced by S. O. Wilson, in regard to changing July meeting in Wake county, referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Committee on Credentials made a partial report: 57 counties had reported and 43 delegates present; report accepted and Committee continued.

Sergeant-at-arms Hancock not being present, the President appointed H. E. King to fill the place pro tem.

Secretary was ordered to call roll of Committees, which was done.

The delegate from Lincoln county being absent on account of sickness, on motion, Bro. W. A. Graham was seated as delegate from Lincoln.

Bro. McGregor, from Richmond Co., was seated as delegate from said county, and Brother Steele was seated as delegate from Union county.

Motion was made by Brother T. Ivey that we have a recess till 1:30 o'clock p. m., and that a committee of two be appointed from Cary Lodge, Brothers Broughton and Wimberly, to escort to the rostrum the mayor of Cary, Mr. J. M. Angier, who by previous arrangement will deliver the address of welcome to the State Alliance. The motion was carried.

The escort with the mayor and a number of the citizens of the town then came into the hall. The mayor was escorted to the President's stand, and there introduced to the audience by President Mewboorne. The address of Mayor Angier was a patriotic one in every sense of the word, and one calculated to allay much bitterness heretofore engendered against the Alliance. He welcomed the State Alliance in behalf of all the citizens of Cary, and expressed the kindest feelings for the organization. The address was happily received by the members of the State Alliance, and Mayor Angier will always be remembered with pleasure by all those of the order who listened to his words of welcome.

Brother J. W. Denmark was called upon by the President to reply to the address of the mayor on behalf of the Alliance, which he did in a very pleasant and earnest way.

Upon motion of Brother Ivey, after consultation with ladies present, it was decided that the dinner hour during the session of State Alliance be at 1 o'clock. The visitors having left the hall, the President called the Alliance to order. It was moved and carried that the State Alliance should adjourn every evening during session at 5 o'clock till 8 o'clock of same day to give committees time to work. Morning session adjourned till 1:30 p. m. to-day.

EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY.

The State Alliance was called to order promptly at 1:30 p. m., by President Mewboorne.

Brother Graham moved that all papers be referred to proper Committees without debate, which was carried.

Resolution No. 3, by Z. T. Kivett, referred to Committee on constitution and By-Laws.

The following Committees appointed by the President were announced:

Constitution and By-Laws—Dr. V. N. Seawell, N. C. English, T. P. Jenks, J. T. Cole, L. E. Newsom, T. J. Candler, A. J. Dula, John Graham, H. W. Barker, A. J. Dalby.

Business Agency—S. Otho Wilson, A. D. K. Wallace, James P. Morrison, J. H. Quinn, A. J. Cobb, D. C. Tharlington, J. E. Jones, (Gaston) D. B. Bennett.

Relief and Insurance—J. H. Quinn, T. E. Cutler, J. P. Sossaman, S. L. Hearndon, Dr. J. F. Harrell.

Manufacturing—John Graham, W. S. Mitchell, M. B. Prince, J. H. Quinn, J. P. Sossaman, J. T. Askew, N. C. English, A. D. K. Wallace, E. A. Moye.

Demands and Resolutions—Dr. J. E. Person, J. F. Click, J. T. Askew, S. A. Earnhart, Howard F. Jones, Rev. P. H. Massey.

Publication—J. F. Click, J. P. Sossaman, H. E. King, J. F. Westmoreland.

Resolution No. 4, to appoint a Committee on good of the order, adopted. The President appointed the following:

J. P. Sossaman, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Person, John Graham, W. A. Graham, J. T. B. Hoover.

Reports of officers next in order. The President then delivered his address as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:

The Father's hand has kept up and guided us till this our ninth annual session. His love and wonderful beneficence have

been again shown in the prosperous crops throughout the greater part of our beloved State. For this and all other blessings we offer our grateful thanks.

We have assembled for council—for wise and peaceful council—to make plans for the amelioration of our brotherhood and to take steps for their speedy consummation.

We are met here in the town of Cary by special election of your Executive Committee to view the surroundings of this railroad junction and to take into immediate consideration the advisability of establishing a manufacturing enterprise here. This is a great and grave undertaking, but you have the power to do it if you so desire; others have done it and are now basking in the wealth produced by you.

Our people at home expect the officers and delegates to do more than routine business at this meeting, they knew from the first that they were in a wilderness, and are now; and for this reason they organized themselves into this great brotherhood to relieve them; they have learned, and learned it through great tribulation, that they have been wronged and terribly wronged by adverse legislation, and that favorable legislation will ultimately restore them to their former condition; they have found out by the education they have received through this organization, which has been verified by actual experience and proclaimed by wise and learned statesmen, that when the government issues from its treasury a given amount of money—which is only a medium of the exchange of wealth—to circulate among its people to be useful to them in their business and in sufficient volume, no more and no less. With this sufficiency the people buy and sell; promise and receive promises, make all manner of debts and receive all manner of debts, and all are contented and happy in “a smiling land.” If by legislation government reduces that volume of currency, just in that proportion the man who made the promise is robbed by the man who received the promise, and the man who made the debt, by the man who received the debt, and government is the instigator of these outrages, through vile and vicious legislators, either for self-interest or somebody else’s interest. They have learned through the Alliance and by unrelenting toil as well, that, if the volume of currency shall be reduced one-half, then the remaining half must now do what all once had to do, and that the price of the produce of the farmer and the hire of the laborer is reduced one half and the products of all other enterprises are in like manner reduced unless sustained and upheld by nefarious and unlawful combinations. That by reducing the price of products and labor one half the conditions have been so changed that it will require twice as many pounds, twice as many bushels, twice as many day’s labor, and twice as many products (save and except those held up by unlawful trusts) to pay the debt that it once took, thereby doubling the energies of the man who promised the debt, and to the man who received the debt the value thereof. Was there ever a crime more criminal or a country more corrupt?

They have learned also that, demonetizing silver, the conspirators

were only furthering this criminality against the commonweal, and to give honor and credence to a crime, they have made the Chief Executive of this nation the standard bearer of a gold standard who says to his subordinates "you shall!" and to the people "you will?" Dictator to the other. These lessons cannot be unlearned. They are indelibly fixed.

The friends who are opposed to the Alliance call it politics, and it may be so, but it is the truth, as well, and all truth shall be told. We have told it in love, and time and sad experience have demonstrated it to all. Shall we not kindly say to our friends, be done fighting us? Have we not told you the truth, and have you not received it in spite of your opposition?

The Philistines are upon us. Gold, crowned and sceptred and panoplied with the paraphernalia of a mighty warrior, defiantly and in advance bids us to worship at his shrine. Instead, let us warn the people. At Gold's altar there are bonds, and places vacant for more bonds; in the present ones there is a sad and weary story, a large portion of your once plentiful currency has been taken from circulation and transformed into these quiet and unrelenting bonds which increased your indebtedness, and by funding your money it has rendered you less able to pay. Bonds, disastrous bonds; was it not "denominated in these bonds" that they should be paid in coin? Have not the gold conspirators struck down one-half of your coin, thereby doubling the debt? These have bound your country and you, and the "places vacant" when they shall be filled, will be bonds for your children, and they will be bondmen. Shall we not continue to strike at this monster, and worship only at our country's shrine?

It has been well said by a former President that "The two corner stones on which the Alliance was founded and is standing to-day, are: First, social and moral development; second, intellectual development, followed by co-operation in business efforts and industrial pursuits." Our "social and moral development" have been wonderful, and civilization, as well as religion, has been advanced since the advent of the Farmer's Alliance. Its intellectual development, especially in the science of government, has been so rapid that the world wonders why it is so, but these, I fear, have not been "followed by co-operation in business efforts" have not been even nominal.

These latter things, at this meeting, ought to be duly considered. If such goods as are generally used by the Alliance are not sold to its members through the Business Agency as cheap or cheaper than otherwise it is because the Alliance has been discriminated against, and it is in your power to use your organization to its utmost ability to manufacture such goods for your use.

When we shall have advanced as far in these "industrial pursuits" as we have in the "science of government," the world will truly say that this organization is most wonderful, and Alliancemen and women will delight to praise and honor this great Industrial Union for its immediate benefit to them. While they have learned to love our demands, and will

stand by them to the last ditch, they demand of you, that you shall preserve their organization by doing something along the lines indicated in this address.

I thank you for confidence reposed in me for the last two years. I wish I could have done more than I have. I now surrender the badge of office to another, and will promise you that I for one will ever be ready to obey the commands of the man who wears it.

JAMES M. MEWBOORNE, Pres't.

The President's address was placed on the table for action later.

The chairman of the executive committee being absent per request of Brother Hileman, a member of the committee, the report of the executive committee was postponed till next day, Wednesday.

The Secretary-Treasurer made his report which was referred to committee on good of the order, and is as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:

Since my last report of one year ago, but little change has been made in the status of the Alliance. The want of a sufficient circulating medium in our country has been the greatest drawback to the progress of our order, and is felt worse this year than last, as products of the soil have gone lower than ever before known, and thousands of true Alliancesmen are no doubt kept from the meetings simply because they feel that they cannot spare the small quarterage necessary to keep in good standing, while others do not get hold of it at all. I am sure the principles of the Alliance are growing stronger daily, not only in the country, but in the cities and towns, and all that is needed to make the order one of great activity is a circulating medium necessary to do the business of the country.

It is with great pleasure that I can say to you, the Alliance has had returned to it by the last Legislature, our full rights as under original charter—no one in that body dared to oppose the repeal of the obnoxious amendments put upon us by the preceding Legislature—the one of 1893. The last Legislature also granted the Alliance the same privilege under insurance laws as is given the other beneficiary organizations. This was implied in a former law, but the Attorney General and Secretary of State ruled against us, and we were compelled to abide by their decision or to stand a law suit. As a consequence of this act of the last Legislature I have been appointed State organizer of the National Alliance Aid, and introduced it to our people. This gives insurance at about one-fourth the cost of the old line companies. So far but little progress has been made in the work. A circular was sent out by me asking the County

Alliances to take some action in assisting me in getting good workers in every county to become active organizers for the Alliance, but little attention was paid this appeal. Our people should take out some insurance, especially those who are in debt, as it will protect their property and save it from those who are to-day feasting upon the effects of a monetary system—a system which simply gives money the power to buy your property (when compelled to be sold for debt) for less than one-fourth of the real value. I hope the State Alliance will either adopt the National Alliance Aid or condemn it, as I do not care to work anything in the Alliance that does not meet with a hearty approbation of its friends and members. In fact, I think it should be directly under the charge of the State Alliance, and its fees should be for the benefit of the State Alliance, as other dues are. The Aid is under control of the National Alliance, and has been paying in full its death losses for the past two years and has been endorsed by the National Alliance.

I regret to say that the "Plan of Relief" in the Alliance is not a success, as but few Sub-Alliances are taking any interest in it. For instance, the 4th quarter last year only \$31.50 was received; 1st quarter this year \$13.50; 2nd quarter \$12.05; for this quarter \$5.95. It has been of much help to some of our people, but under the plan now in vogue the benefit does not reach and help those intended. Some feasible plan should be incorporated but so far, I have been unable to find a perfect substitute for the one on hand. It ought to be improved or abolished.

Much antagonism to the collection of female dues has been made, and in some counties I regret to say, not a lady member appears on the rolls. The life of county organizations is the ladies that compose them, and it is feared that the Alliance has been seriously hurt in most of the counties by the laying on of this small tax. One of the largest County Alliances has passed resolutions requesting me to use what influence I could to have this part of the constitution rescinded.

The report below shows no lecturing has been done by State Alliance, except when the brethren have called upon our lecturers to go to them. I do hope that a system can be incorporated so that every county shall be visited during the next year.

I wish to state that there never was a more auspicious time for Alliance work and re-organization than now. For the past six weeks more Sub-Alliances have re-organized and expressed determination to stand by the order than for the remainder of the 52 weeks, since we met before. Constantly I am receiving letters from old members, asking how the Alliances can be restored. I fear there has been too much apathy among our county officials in this matter. It should not be necessary for old members to be writing to the State Alliance to know how to re-organize. It seems that if the lecturer, and other officers had been as diligent in their official capacity as they should have been, all old members would have known how to get back in good standing. Brethren, I think that the cause of this apathy on part of our officers, is due to the fact that it takes all of the time of most of our members to keep the "wolf from the door"

and they feel that they cannot spare the time—but remember how many sacrifices were made four and five years ago. Prejudices and bickerings have arisen in our lodges and, in many cases, without a cause. To restore the order it is a duty incumbent upon every member to go to work to get old members to return and new ones to join. The officers should lead, but if they will not, then, the men and ladies not holding position should push the work. Brethren, we have each one to make sacrifices, and will have so to do as long as life lasts. There is no reason, except for lack of money to pay dues, why our whole country population should not be in our organization. I will make one point here: A Sub-Alliance was dead for three quarters, but one member paid the dues for the Alliance so as to keep in good standing. The first real meeting for ten months was held by the energy of one or two men, and they re-organized with about 20 members. This is but a fair sample of what could be done if each one of us would make an effort for the Alliance. I have settle with National Secretary, for last years dues in full, 441.00.

The following are the receipts and expenditures:

RECEIPTS.

On hand August 13, 1894.....	\$ 95 20
Received fees and dues and other sources.	2,262 75
Total:	<u>\$2,357 95</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expense State meeting, 1894.....	\$ 161 35
“ Executive Committee meeting for year.....	44 08
Salary of J. M. Mewboorne, President from May 13, 1894 to May 13, 1895.....	200 00
Salary, W. S. Barnes, Secretary-Treasurer July 20, 1894 to August 1, 1895.....	1,038 34
Office expense, fuel, stationery and rents.....	85 12
Printing account to August 10, 1895.....	223 46
Postage to date, August 10, 1895.....	182 25
National Alliance January dues.....	214 65
Total.....	<u>\$2,149 25</u>

Balance on hand.....\$208 70.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BARNES, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Trustee of Business Agency Fund made his report, and is as follows:

BUSINESS AGENCY FUND JULY 31, 1895.

28,850 N. C. 4's.....	\$28,850 00
Loans.....	600 00

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Cash.....	243 00
Total.....	<u>\$28,793 00</u>

RECEIVED DURING YEAR 1884-'5.

Vandemere Alliance No. 1078.....	\$ 5 00
Returned P. O. Order.....	4 55
On loan to State Alliance.....	1,220 00
Total.....	<u>\$1,220 55</u>

PAID.

Certificates.....	\$ 585 00
Error in Health Seat All. contribution.....	40 00
Total.....	<u>\$ 625 00</u>

Total certificate paid under act of Legislature \$3,460 60.

Trustee's report read and referred to committee on "Good of Order."

The President's report taken from table and referred to committee on "Good of Order."

Business Agent made his report, and is as follows :

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS' ALLIANCE :

BRETHREN :

There is not much at this time in the volume of business done through the Agency to warrant encouragement. Business of almost every character has met with depression unparalleled in the history of this country. Banks have dissolved, factories failed, merchants assigned, farmers broke, and commerce has been so completely demoralized that all institutions and all classes of legitimate business have felt the baneful effects. Your Business Agency, though established and conducted on a plan as firm as the rocks, has, nevertheless, felt the depression. And why should it not? With cotton and other staple farm products lower than at any time within the last third of a century, the most bitter political campaign on record in the State, a general apathy on the part of so many brethren, and a belief by others that since a political party has espoused our demands the Alliance has accomplished its mission, all have conspired to the detriment of the Agency.

A comparison of the list of articles of merchandise handled by the Agency during this year—list herewith attached—with that of former years, will show a decrease in amount of almost every article. That some articles, such as bacon, lard, flour, tobacco and fertilizers, have decreased in amount may mean well for the Order. IF THE BRETHREN ARE MAKING THESE SUPPLIES AT HOME instead of buying them from any source, it is an evidence of improvement.

The total amount of merchandise handled during the year just closed is \$137,652.71 of which \$18,887.10 were handled during the former six months, and \$118,765.61 during the latter. This difference does not indicate increasing business, but represents the bulk of the fertilizer trade of which it will be noted that we purchased only 4,845 tons, or 2600 tons less than last year. This decrease in tonage is due to several influences which may be summed up as follows: During this year there was much less fertilizer used than formerly, and there has much dissatisfaction with the price of our guano, as well as with the official analysis as published by the State Department of Agriculture—not one sample of our goods showing an analysis equal to the guarantee. The Agency in its effort to care for the time trade has formerly contracted for fertilizers in such an indefinite way, that no manufacturer could offer his lowest price. Asking for guanos on a credit, with the Agency in no wise responsible for due payment, and not contracting for any specified number of tons, has always put us to a disadvantage. With the manufacturers, virtually, the CASH customers had to carry the TIME customers. Freights also were frequently against us. With these lights the Agency undertook to procure a contract on a different plan for the ensuing year with the following result:

Prices named to be for goods delivered, freight paid, to any railroad station in North Carolina, and for any quantity from 2,000 tones to 4,000 tons. Terms cash F. O. B. Factory. Guano to be made of three different grades as follows:

No. 1.	No. 2.
8% Available Phosphoric Acid.	8% Available Phosphoric Acid.
2½% Amonia.	2% Ammonia,
3% Potash-K 20. (\$20.00.)	1¼% Potash-K 20
No. 3.	
8% Available Phosphoric Acid,	
2% Ammonia,	
5% Potash-K 20. (\$20.50.)	
Acid Phosphoric 13% Phosphoric Acid at \$13.00.	

These percentages guaranteed by the analyses of the North Carolina Department of Agriculiure. Ingredients derived from the following sources:

Ammonia.—One-third from Sulphate of Ammonia and Nitrate of Soda. The balance from other first-class sources.

Available Phosphoric Acid.—From animal bone, and Charleston rock.

Potash.—From Sulphate and Muriate of Potash and Vegetable Matter.

All goods bagged and tagged according to the laws of North Carolina, and delivered at any time within the year and in any quantities, not less than car-load lots, as the Alliance may order. Prices in quantity less than car lots, \$1.00 per ton higher.

Of these it will be observed that No. 1. is same as "N. C. Alliance Official," No. 2. "Progressive Farmer," and No. 3. is a new formula. Chang-

ing manufacturers may take it necessary to change the names of our brands, as the former company may put the old brands on the market.

For lack of patronage the Produce Exchanges at Asheville and Raleigh have been discontinued. We still have in Raleigh a commission house under the supervision of the Agency to which all classes of goods suitable for our local market may be shipped. Agencies for handling produce of every description have been established in several of the largest Northern cities, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Newark, Baltimore, and Richmond. Brethren are now shipping to these points and in the vicinity of Raleigh, grape growers, not members of the Order, are patronizing us—they buy their baskets through the Agency. This branch of our business should be developed into large proportions. With these Agencies in successful operation our brethren can depend less on five cent cotton and depend more on vegetables, fruits, poultry, eggs, and the like, on which latter products they can realize money almost the year round.

I deem it important, as your Business Agent, to call attention to the waning interest in co-operation among the brethren as evidenced by the character of the orders now coming through the Agency. This lack of co-operation sometimes, all unintentionally, gives rise to dissatisfactions, as it is impossible to contract as favorably for goods in small as in larger quantities. There should be a general awakening on this subject. "In union there is strength" in business as in other pursuits.

In the opinion of your Agent the Alliance has now reached a point where its future success depends largely upon manufacturing. There is need of a variety of such interests located at some central point easily accessible to all parts of the State where goods and commodities of every class may be exchanged and inter-changed, the one for the other, the raw material for the manufactured, or the manufactured for the money, supplying our necessities within the bounds of the Alliance.

I cannot afford to close this report without reference to the kind assistance received from Bro. W. H. Worth, my predecessor, since his resignation January 1, 1895, at which time I was placed by your Executive Committee in his stead. On matters of importance I have consulted him as I would a father and he has been ever ready to lend his experience and information.

T. IVEY.

August 13, 1895.

PARTIAL LIST OF OF ARTICLES OF MERCHANDISE, BY T. IVEY, STATE
BUSINESS AGENT, NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE

AUGUST 1, 1894, TO AUGUST 1, 1895, INCLUSIVELY.

Bacon.....	Pounds	4,200
Lard.....	"	1,140
Barbed wire.....	"	13,000
Rice & hominy.....	"	1,000

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Pepper & Spice.....	Pounds	702
Tobacco (plug).....	"	540
Tobacco (Leaf).....	"	2,374
Sulphate blue stone.....	"	600
Flour.....	Barrels	200
Sugar.....	"	204
Molasses.....	"	50
Lime.....	"	35
Oil.....	"	30
Potatoes.....	"	50
Peas.....	Bushels	48
Wheat.....	"	145
Rye.....	"	110
Oats.....	"	168
Clover.....	"	130
Grass seed.....	"	113
Coffee.....	Bags	52
Salt.....	"	416
Plaster.....	Tons	7
Cotton seed meal.....	"	64
Alliance guano.....	"	4,845
Soda.....	Kegs	400
Nails.....	"	135

SUNDRIES

Sets harness.....		7
Cane and cider mills.....		22
Farm bells.....		15
Plows.....		50
Corn and cotton planters.....		10
Buggies.....		6
Wagons.....		57
Stoves.....		45
Sewing machines.....		185
Feed cutters.....		15
Mowers.....		2
Rakes.....		1
Organs.....		5
Road carts.....		15
Harrows.....		6
Fruit jars.....	Dozen	244
Grape Baskets.....		18,650

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

Plow lines, back bands, bolts, shovels, pitchforks, paint, grass blades, scales, wagon tire, axles, skeins, window sash, doors, grind-stones, stove-backs, roofing, guns, trace-chains, single-trees, bagging and ties, medicine,

clothing, shoes, furniture, watches and clocks, machine needles, tobacco flues, &c.

Business Agents report referred to committee on "Business Agency."

Bro. W. A. Graham made a verbal report as a delegate to the National Alliance.

Report of Judiciary Committee was made by Bro. Jno. Brady, Chairman, as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE:

Your Judiciary Committee have the pleasure to report that no matters have come before the Committee for adjudication during the past year.

We congratulate the organization for its harmony.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN BRADY, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Resolution No. 5, introduced by A. J. Cobb, for Bertie county Alliance, referred to Committee on Manufacturing.

Resolution No. 6, introduced by Bro. Morrison was referred to Committee on Manufacturing.

Resolution No. 7, introduced by A. D. K. Wallace, was referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Resolution by W. O. Moore, of Nash county, No 8, was referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

W. A. Graham introduced a plan of charter for organization of manufacturing Co. No. 9.

Referred to Committee on Manufacturing.

On motion, 9 o'clock to-night was made special order for the election of officers.

The special organizers appointed by President Mewboorne were requested to make reports; only two were present, brothers J. P. Sossaman and W. T. Babb, both of whom made short reports.

Motion made and carried, that each delegate shall make a report for his county, regarding shoe manufactory speeches limited to two minutes. The Secretary called the roll by counties and the delegates responded in short

talks, in regard to what action had been taken in their counties about the shoe factory, how much they would raise etc., (This report referred to Committee on manufacturers and held for Executive Committee.) About \$2500 were pledged by the brethren, in all and many of them expressed opinions that much more than they stated could be raised.

Resolution by T. E. Cutler, No. 10, referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

J. F. Hepler moved that a committee of seven be appointed to investigate Labor Exchange No. 11.

Upon motion of S. O. Wilson the rules were suspended and the resolution put on its passage. Adopted.

The following were named on Committee: J. L. Letler, T. T. Speight, A. J. Cobb, J. F. Westmoreland, Dr. Person, W. R. Creech, A. D. K. Wallace.

Resolution No. 12, by J. F. Harrell, of Columbus Co., Referred to Committee on Demands and Resolutions.

On motion J. T. B. Hoover, the first hour of the session to-morrow be placed at the disposal of brother J. W. Demark to explain matters pertaining to the shoe factory. Carried.

Committee on Publication made this partial report:

That no member of the order shall give any part of the proceedings to any reporter or to any outsider, except through committee on publication. Adopted.

On motion, at 5:45 o'clock the session adjourned till 8 o'clock to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

Night session commenced promptly at 8 o'clock, President Mewboorne in the chair.

It was moved that the special order for 9 o'clock be taken up now, which was carried.

The President announced the election of officers and that nominations for President were in order.

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President Mewboorne having served the Constitutional limit, two years, was not placed in nomination for President.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow county, received a majority of the votes cast for President, and was declared elected.

The other officers elected were as follows :

John Graham, ...	Warren County	Vice President.
W. S. Barnes, ...	Wake "	Secretary-Treasurer.
Rev. J. T. B. Hoover, ...	Wilson "	Lecturer.
Dr. V. N. Seawell, ...	Moore "	Steward.
Rev. P. H. Massey, ...	Durham "	Chaplain.
Geo. T. Lane, ...	Guilford "	Door Keeper.
Jas. E. Lyon, ...	Durham "	Asst. Door Keeper.
A. D. K. Wallace, ...	Rutherford "	Sergeant at Arms.
T. Ivey, ...	Wake "	Business Agent.
N. C. English, ...	Randolph "	Executive Committee, in place of J. J. Long Dec'd.

Jas. M. Mewboorne, of Lenoir county, elected Executive Committeeman for the long term, in place of Marion Butler, whose time expires at this session.

Dr. J. E. Person, of Wayne county, elected delegate to National Alliance, J. W. Denmark his alternate.

The election of officers being over, Bro. A. F. Hileman gave the Alliance a talk upon the Business Agency.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

The session was called to order promptly by President Mewboorne at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Prayer by Chaplain, Rev. T. T. Speight.

Secretary read the Minutes of Tuesday, Aug. 13, first day's session which were approved.

Brother R. H. W. Barker, from Lincoln county, by motion of brother Graham, was made delegate in his stead, Bro Barker was the alternate from his county.

Dr. A. J. Dalby was, upon motion, seated as delegate from Granville.

Upon motion, 8:30 o'clock to-night was made special order for installation of officers.

Motion made that at adjournment for dinner we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock, p. m. Carried.

Resolutions by H. E. King, Nos. 13, 14 and 15, referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Resolution No. 16, in reference to death of J. J. Long, placed on calendar.

Resolution No. 17, by Z. T. Kivett, referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Resolution No. 18, by B. F. McGregor, referred to Committee on publication.

Resolution No. 19, by B. F. McGregor, placed on calendar.

The hour having arrived for special order of business, Bro. J. W. Denmark stated to the Alliance facts and figures in regard to Manufacturing shoes.

A. F. Hileman makes his report for Executive Committee, Bro. Butler, the Chairman, not being present, and is as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND BROTHERN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE:

As a member of your State Executive Committee I desire to report to your honorable body, that I have examined the books of the Secretary-Treasurer and find them correct; and for further information as to the financial condition of the organization, I would respectfully refer you to report of your worthy Secretary-Treasurer.

I have also examined the books and accounts of the State Business Agent and find them correct and neatly kept. I desire to say that your Business Agency is not in as good condition as I would like to have it. Your Committee have tried to keep expenses in due bounds and to improve the business of the Agency, but the present "financial depression" and various other causes have well nigh thwarted all of our efforts in this direction.

Your worthy Business Agent, Bro. Ivey, has tried hard to build up the business, and I think has succeeded in devising a satisfactory plan, by which the Alliance brethren can obtain their fertilizers on very favorable terms. I hope the Alliance brethren will use the Agency more, and that this, the strong "right arm" of the Alliance may soon become of great benefit to the organization in pulling down the strong holds of

Plutocracy and Corporate greed which is fast devouring the hard earned substances of our people.

The Committee have also examined the books of your worthy Trustee of the Business Agency Fund and finds them correct. Your fund is well guarded and faithfully protected. "The winds may rage and the billows roll" and "political cyclones" may sweep our grand old State and nation and when calm and quietness again settles down upon the earth, you will find your funds in the hands of Bro. Graham, unharmed. Brethren, you need not give yourselves any uneasiness about the Business Agency Fund. For an itemized statement of the fund and how it is invested, I refer you to the report of the Trustee. I cannot close report without referring to an act of Divine Providence which brought sadness and sorrow to me. I refer to the death of my Brother Committeeman, Hon. J. J. Long. In the death of Brother Long, the Alliance has lost a faithful officer, a christian gentleman and a true Allianceman. I respectfully request that our Brother President appoint a Committee to draft suitable resolutions in regard to his death.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. HILEMAN, Member Ex-Com.

Report received and adopted, and a Committee appointed by President Mewboorne to draft Resolutions in regard to Bro. J. J. Long, The following named brethren were placed on Committee, A. F. Hileman, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Demands and Resolutions on No. 5, as to salaries, &c., recommend it do not pass. Tabled.

Partial report of Committee on Insurance and relief, read and placed on calendar.

Resolutions No. 21, referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Moved and carried that resolution No. 19, be taken from calendar and amended by changing 5 to 4 o'clock and which reads as follows: That the President be requested to exemplify the secret work and that it be made special order for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Committee on Manufacturing reported resolution 6, which was placed on calendar.

Resolution No. 3, was adopted as follows: "Change name of Cross Creek Sub-Alliance in Cumberland county to McLean.

Report of Committee on Business Agency was read by its Chairman, Bro. Wilson, and adopted, and is as follows :

TO THE NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE :

Your Committe on Business Agency beg leave to make the following report :

Referring to the report of the State Business Agent, we beg to say we think that notwithstanding the causes of depression in business enumerated by him, we think that had the brotherhood realized the importance of that Agency to the general prospering of the organizations, a much better showing would have been made

Every well informed Allianceman knows that the department of our work has been, since its establishment, the central figure of our work, and one of the prime causes of our success. The future work of the Alliance depends largely on the degree of patronage bestowed upon this department.

Referring to the fertilizer trade, we beg to call attention to the great savings on this line.

When the first fertilizer contracts were made, the price was very much lower than the prices charged by dealers and agents probably an average of \$5.00 per ton throughout the State. This had to be met by dealers or they had to go out of business. The result was, they met it by subterfuge, misrepresentation and lowering of prices, till now nearly the whole farming population of the State have, by its work, annually been benefited hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The time has arrived when another cut has to be made by the Alliance or we must go out of the trade. This the agent realizes and has fortunately met the issue. We congratulate the organization on this consummation.

Your Committee would urge upon the brethren the supreme importance of keeping up their trade arrangement through the Sub-Alliance's and State Agency. We know that every intelligent dealer sees the importance of destroying our agency, and it is a poor Allianceman or sub-alliance who allow him or them to thus be used.

When a dealer knows the prices of the Agency (which are always reasonable and legitimate,) he cuts them regardless of profit so as to prevent our supporting our own business. It will not do to let this thing go too far, or else we will find that for want of support we will be forced to suspend it, and we will find ourselves once more without the means of keeping posted as to prices and again be at the mercy of the middle man.

We hope and believe, that with the renewed interest and enthusiasm of the brotherhood, the wise and conservative management of the Agent and Executive Committee, another year will show in spite of hard times, an increase in our trade with the Agency.

We know the loyalty of the organization of to-day, and believe that with the proper efforts of the delegates in attendance at this meeting, when they return to their counties, renewed success will crown our efforts.

Fraternally.

A. J. COBB,
D. B. BENNETT,
J. P. MORRISON,
S. OTHO WILSON,
A. D. K. WALLACE,
JNO. E. JONES,
J. H. QUINN,
D. C. HARRINGTON.

Resolution by A. D. K. Wallace, No. 22, was referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution No. 23 was adopted and is as follows:

Resolved, That Pleasant Hill and Concord Alliances be consolidated, and be called Peacock Alliance, No. 73.

Report of Committee on Plan of Relief was as follows:

That the Plan of Relief on pages 32 and 33 of the constitution of 1894 be amended as follows:

ARTICLE XII.

PLAN OF RELIEF FOR COUNTY OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. This plan shall be known as the Property Relief Association of the North Carolina Farmers Alliance, and every member of the Farmers Alliance in good standing may become a beneficiary of this relief association, provided a majority of his Sub-Alliances shall endorse and conform to these requirements, and make application for enrollment on the books to be kept by the county Secretary.

SEC. 2. Each Sub-Alliance ratifying this plan shall furnish its Secretary, to be immediately forwarded at the beginning of the quarter to the county Secretary, the sum of ten cents quarterly, for each male member in good standing; said ten cents to be taken from the treasury of said Sub-Alliance.

SEC. 3. The Committee on the good of the Order of each Sub-Alliance that has ratified this plan and has sent in the dues, upon notice by any member that a brother or sister in the Sub-Alliance needs assistance from loss sustained shall investigate the circumstances of said loss, and if upon investigation it is found that the loss occurred without negligence or intention on the part of the brother, and that they believe this brother to be in such circumstances that aid should be given him, the Committee shall lay the matter before their Sub-Alliance, and if approved by the Sub-Alliance then they are to make a sworn statement before a Justice of the Peace, stating time of loss, circumstances attending it, that the bro-

ther is in actual need of assistance and state how much loss, and forward to the County Secretary.

SEC. 4. The County Secretary-Treasurer, on receipt of such statement named in section three shall forward 50 per cent of the amount estimated in said statement to said beneficiary of any money or moneys in hand belonging to said fund at end of quarter. If not enough to pay in full, then each quarter's dues must be divided pro rata as per amount of losses.

SEC. 5. Any Sub-Alliance failing to pay the ten cents per capita cannot expect assistance, nor will they receive it from this association. The dues must be paid at the beginning of the quarter and before loss occurs, as no loss will be paid which occurs before the dues are sent to the County Secretary.

SEC. 6. When any loss sustained is covered in whole or in part by insurance or other method, no part of it shall be paid by this association, and not over fifty dollars shall be paid on any loss; provided also no loss caused by gross negligence shall be paid.

SEC. 7. The management of this Association shall be under the supervision of the President, Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Committee of the County Alliance, who shall make all necessary arrangements not herein provided for in securing the safety of the fund and the full accomplishment, as near as possible, of the object herein set forth.

Committees report of Insurance is as follows:

We recommend that the National Alliance Aid be endorsed by this State Alliance, and that the management of the Aid for North Carolina be placed under the supervision of State Secretary as State organizer, and that the fees arising therefrom be put in the Treasury of the State Alliance for re-organization of the Alliance etc.

Recommendation of Committee adopted.

Resolution No. 7, taken from the Calendar and read, and upon motion was tabled.

Resolution No. 1 was referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Resolution No. 24, introduced and referred to Committee on Constitution on By-Laws.

Report of Committee on Labor Exchange read and adopted, and reads as follows:

Your Committee on Labor Exchange would respectfully report: That while it may be impracticable to build and equip a shoe manufactory on this system at this time, yet when a factory has been started, we believe that it will be practicable to run and operate the same on this system, to at least a great extent. We recommend to Alliancemen a thorough study of the Labor Exchange system.

The Committee on Credentials reported the seating of 57 delegates up to this time.

Bro. Graham asks that the Committee on Manufactur-

ing be excused from attending this evening's session so they may be able to complete their work. Granted.

Session adjourned till 3 o'clock, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The President called the Alliance to order at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Resolution No. 25 introduced and read, and by motion was laid on the table.

Resolution No. 22 tabled.

Per recommendation of Committee on good of the order the Trustees report was adopted.

Resolution No. 4, requesting a lecturer to be sent into Stanly county, reported by committee on good of order, with this recommendation which was adopted as follows:

We recommend that a lecturer be furnished the brethren of Stanly county as soon as the Executive Committee find it in their power to do so.

Resolution No. 10 was taken from calendar and a motion was made to table, lost, 43 noes, 11 ayes. On motion the resolution was referred to committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

The President exemplified the secret work, it being the special order for this hour.

On motion, a recess was taken until 8 o'clock to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

President Mewboorne called the Alliance to order at 8 o'clock as per adjournment.

Motion that time for the installation of officers be changed: motion tabled.

Communication from Warren county referred to Executive Committee, after being read upon motion.

Report from Relief and Insurance Committee which was adopted and is as follows:

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS RELIEF ASSOCIATION—ARTICLE.

SECTION 1. This plan shall be known as the Widows and Orphans' Relief Association of the Farmers' State Alliance of North Carolina, and any member of the Alliance male and female, in good standing, may

become a member of this Association by paying at the beginning of each quarter, the sum of twenty-five cents, which shall be forwarded to the State Secretary-Treasurer.

SEC. 2. Any member paying his quarterage shall be a beneficiary for that quarter only, but any member failing to pay for any quarter or quarters, is debarred from any benefits for that quarter only in which he failed to pay these dues. Any member can and will be reinstated by paying his or her quarterly dues for each and every quarter in advance.

SEC. 3. The amount of benefits paid to the family of any beneficiary shall not exceed one hundred dollars, but if funds received for any quarter will not pay the full amount of one hundred dollars, the funds in hand shall be divided pro rata among the death losses.

SEC. 4. That upon the death of any member of this Association, the Committee on Good of the Order of his Sub Alliance shall make to the Secretary-Treasurer of the State Alliance a sworn statement, before a Justice of the Peace, upon blanks to be furnished by the Secretary-Treasurer of the State Alliance, setting forth the time, place, cause of death and to whom money should be paid.

SEC. 5. The Secretary-Treasurer, on receipt of such statement named in section 4, shall forward to the family of said beneficiary one hundred dollars, or their pro rata share of the funds in hand at the end of that quarter.

SEC. 6. If any surplus funds are on hand on the first day of January of any year, these funds must be divided so as to equalize, as near as possible, the payments of all losses that occurred in preceeding year or years: *Provided, however,* those receiving one hundred dollars are not entitled to any of the surplus.

J. H. QUINN, Ch'm.

Resolution No. 8, taken from the calendar, and upon motion was tabled.

Resolution No. 17 from Committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported, read, and on motion tabled.

Amendment to No. 3, reported by Committee on Constitution and By-laws. Adopted, and is follows:

Amend article 7, sec. 1. Add to section "In case of vacancy on the Executive Committee the vacancy shall be filled by appointment until a meeting of the State Alliance, which shall elect to fill vacancy.

Resolution No. 21, adopted as follows:

Amend article 4, section 3. After the word quarter in 7th line, add "But if no county organization, then the Sub-Alliance shall forward to State Secretary the amount of fees and dues that he would send to the County Secretary."

Resolution 14, 15 and 2 were taken up and read, and upon motion, tabled.

Resolution 5, in regard to reduction of salaries, tabled.

Special hour for installation of officers having arrived, President Mewboorne, with the assistance of H. E. King, Sergeant-at-Arms pro tem, proceeded to install the officers.

The new officers having taken their places as officers of the State Alliance, President Thompson and Vice-President Graham were called upon for speeches. These brethren delivered short, pithy addresses of thanks and appreciation to the State Alliance.

Upon motion, a vote of thanks were given Bro. Mewboorne for his impartial rulings and work for the order during his administration just closed. Bro. Mewboorne replied in a short address with much feeling.

Amendments of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to resolution No. 10 were adopted.

Report of Committee on Manufacturing was made. Report adopted and is as follows :

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION OF SHOE FACTORY.

By authority of the charter of the Farmers' State Alliance of North Carolina, chapter —, section 10, Laws of North Carolina, 1889, Thaddeus Ivey, W. S. Barnes, J. W. Denmark, Cyrus Thompson, W. H. Worth, John Graham, A. D. K. Wallace, Sandy Creek Alliance, No. 253, Vance county, N. C., and such County Alliances, Sub Alliances and other individuals as may become associated with them for the purpose herein set forth, are incorporated under the name and style of the North Carolina Farmers' Manufacturing Company.

SEC. 2. The object of said corporation shall be to manufacture shoes, cloth, yarns, hats, clothing, meal, flour, wagons and farming implements, to tan leather, gin cotton, or carry on any other branch of manufacturing or business, as allowed in the State Alliance charter.

SEC. 3. The capital stock shall consist of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) nor more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and when five thousand dollars shall have been paid in the company shall organize and begin business. All payments shall be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, and when five thousand dollars is received, he shall notify the stockholders and call a meeting for organization.

SEC. 4. The capital stock shall consist of whole shares of stock of five dollars each, half shares of two dollars and fifty cents each. A certificate in such form as may be prescribed by the directors, shall be given each stockholder, and each whole share shall be entitled to one vote, and each fractional share shall be entitled to its proportional part of one vote.

SEC. 5. No member shall be liable for any indebtedness of said company, save the stock he pays in.

SEC. 6. Stock shall be transferable, as provided by the company directors. All stock shall always be held by Alliances, or members of Alliances.

SEC. 7. The company shall be governed by a board of directors, consisting of the Business Agent and the three members of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, and three other directors who shall be elected annually by the stockholders of the company.

SEC. 8. The State Business Agent of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance shall be ex-officio President and the Secretary-Treasurer of the same shall be ex-officio Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the company, and the Directors shall elect a Superintendent and other employees, and fix their compensation; and shall have power to buy or rent or lease property, and do all other things necessary to execute the objects of this company, and as soon as practicable after organizing, shall commence the manufacture and sale of shoes, to be followed by the manufacture of other articles, or engage in such other business as the stockholders may direct.

SEC. 9. The annual meeting of the stockholders shall be at the same time and place as that of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance.

SEC. 10. The Directors shall provide regulations whereby stockholders of the company may receive the products of the company on better terms than those who contribute nothing.

SEC. 11. The place of business shall be at ———.

SEC. 12. The three Directors elected by the stockholders shall be entitled to the same compensation while attending to their duties, as may be allowed the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, to be paid out of the earnings of the company, by the Secretary-Treasurer, on approval of the President.

SEC. 13. The corporation shall continue for a period of thirty years, unless sooner dissolved.

SEC. 14. The stockholders shall have power to make and adopt rules and regulations for the government of this body, not inconsistent with the foregoing declarations.

SEC. 15. The directors shall submit a report in writing of their doings, and the condition of the affairs of the company, to the stockholders at their annual meeting, and likewise to the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance at its annual session.

Resolution K. adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance hereby approves the proposed charter of the N. C. F. A. Manufacturing Company, and authorizes and directs the State Business Agent, Secretary-Treasurer and members of the Executive Committee to assume the offices and perform the duties therein provided for them when said company is organized.

Resolution D. was adopted by suspension of rules, and is as follows :

WHEREAS, The Progressive Farmer has, for a number of years, been a fearless, ever watchful, faithful and unterrified champion of the Farmers' Alliance and defender of the people's rights and liberties; and

WHEREAS, considering the quantity and quality of matter contained and the cost of its preparation, The Progressive Farmer is better and as cheap for Alliancemen as any other paper; therefore

Resolved, that we the State Alliance of North Carolina, do cheerfully re-indorse and adopt The Progressive Farmer as the official organ of the Farmers' Alliance of North Carolina.

Resolved, further, that we, the members of this body, do each pledge his personal efforts to increase the subscription list of the paper and endeavor to place the same in every home possible in our respective counties.

Secretary is ordered to make corrections in proceedings before being published.

Resolution "G" adopted as follows :

"The President and Executive Committee are directed to reduce the charter adopted for the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance Manufacturing Company to proper legal form preserving the spirit of the matter and to take out incorporation papers."

Reports of President and Secretary-Treasurer adopted :

Resolution "H" adopted as follows :

Resolved by the Farmers N. C. State Alliance, that Bro. Barnes, Secretary-Treasurer, be instructed to publish in The Progressive Farmer and the Caucasian the present status of the shoe factory, and ask for immediate contributions to that enterprise, and

Resolved further, that Bro. Barnes be authorized to refund such contributions as may be demanded by the contributors."

Resolutions in regard to Bro. J. J. Long, deceased, reported by Committee and is as follows :

IN MEMORY OF BRO. LONG.

Bro. President and Brethren :

Your special committee appointed to draw suitable resolutions in regard to the death of Bro. J. J. Long, a member of our State Alliance Executive Committee, do respectfully report the following as expressing in a feeble way our high appreciation of the many virtues of our deceased brother :

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father has, for an all-wise purpose, unseen by us, removed from the toils of earth to the rest of heaven, our brother and counselor, John J. Long; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Bro. Long, the Alliance has lost one of its truest friends and warmest supporters, the church one of its most zealous

members, and the State one of its most patriotic citizens; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father, we feel our hearts saddened by the death of our brother, and realize that our loss is great indeed. But while we miss his presence among us to-day, we believe that his spirit hovers over us, and though he be dead, his works do live after him.

2. That this token of our love and esteem be printed in our Minutes, and a marked copy be sent to the Secretary of the Sub Alliance of our deceased brother, and published in the Progressive Farmer.

Resolution of Bro. Jno. Graham, marked "A" was read and adopted as follows :

Resolved That the President of the State Alliance appoint a committee to investigate what steps are necessary to enjoin the directors of the N. C. R. R. from consummating the contemplated lease of that road, and the probable expense of the same, and to take up a subscription at once among the brethren here present to pay the same and if deemed advisable to take legal action.

The President appointed the following brethren to confer with Bro. Graham upon his resolution, namely: J. T. B. Hoover, W. A. Graham, E. A. Moye, J. M. Mewboorne. Upon motion of the President, Bro. Cyrus Thompson was added to the Committee.

Female dues were made special order first for to-morrow morning.

Upon motion, McGregor Alliance was changed to McClellan.

Night session adjourned till 8:30 to-morrow morning.

MORNING SESSION—Third Day.

The session was called to order by President Cyrus Thompson promptly at 8:30, a. m.

Special order taken up. W. S. Barnes introduced a resolution which was amended by Bro. Ward, and upon motion the amendment was adopted and is as follows :

Resolved That article 4 section 2 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "shall" in line 3 and insert in lieu thereof "may at their own election" and by striking out lines 10 and 11 and inserting in lieu thereof "such females as may elect to pay dues shall be entitled to representation as males."

Under suspension of rules resolution "E" by A. D. K. Wallace was read, and on motion adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to ascertain and report in writing as early as possible during this session, the best terms upon which the property in Cary in which it is contemplated locating the shoe factory, etc., can be procured, also reporting other matters pertaining thereto which said committee may deem advisable with recommendation."

Resolution No. 6 was amended by Bro. Graham (W. A.,) which amendment was accepted, and the resolution as amended adopted as follows :

"Cabarrus county Alliance feeling the importance of establishing a shoe factory respectfully suggest to the North Carolina State Alliance that the said State Alliance ask the President of each County Alliance to appoint a good and discreet man of his county to canvass his county for the purpose of arousing interest in, and collecting money for the purpose of establishing a shoe factory under the auspices of the State Alliance, and they ask further, that all County Alliance Presidents, and in case there be no County Alliance President, that then the President of every Subordinate Alliance in good standing, be empowered to act as county organizer himself, or appoint a discreet Allianceman as organizer who shall receive as compensation the dues collected at re-organization."

The President announced the following names for members of the Judiciary Committee for the year : John Brady, Dr. J. F. Harrell and T. J. Candler. A motion to adjourn for speaking at 10:30 a. m., was adopted.

Resolution offered asking that the charters be issued to Mary Ann Alliance of Charlotte, also one formed in Concord, amendment offered adding Washington, and resolution on motion were tabled.

The following communication was received from mayor J. C. Angier, of Cary, through Bro. Ivey, who read it to this body, and is as follows :

CARY, N. C., Aug. 14, 1895.

"To the Honorable President and Delegates of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, in Convention Assembled:

"I, as mayor of the town of Cary, at the request of many of our citizens, desire to express our appreciation of the manner in which your members have deported themselves while in our midst, and of the most favorable impressions made while here; and to assure you of the warm feelings which we have for you as an organization. And fully realizing that your mission is not fully and completely accomplished, we trust and believe that you will have a most wholesome influence in shaping the destiny of North Carolina in the future. Therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we extend to the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, in convention now assembled in our town, our most heartfelt gratitude and profound appreciation of your meeting in annual session in Cary.

2. That many mutual ties of friendship have been formed which we hope will never be rendered asunder, and that you will find it convenient to come this way again.

3. That we most earnestly invite, and hope that you will, in the near future, establish whatever manufacturing and industrial enterprises you may contemplate, in the town of Cary. And we also hope that you will make this your headquarters, and move your main offices here in our town.

Wishing you God's speed for all your righteous undertakings, and may your number increase until you have enrolled as members every farmer, and every man and every woman in North Carolina who desires the best welfare of the whole of mankind.

Respectfully and gratefully,

JONATHAN C. ANGIER,

Mayor of the town of Cary, N. C.

The State Alliance ordered the Secretary to return many thanks through mayor Angier to the citizens of the town for the kind words and sentiments expressed in their communication to this body through him.

Resolution by R. W. Sossaman was read and adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the section of the Constitution permitting a Sub Alliance in the city of Raleigh be and is hereby repealed.

(The lodges formed will have to be moved outside of the city limits or charters will be revoked when issued.)

Resolution thanking Dr. Thompson as to his faithful performance of his duty as lecturer, was adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the thanks of the State Alliance be and is hereby tendered our former Lecturer, Dr. C. Thompson, for the very efficient and able manner in which he has discharged his duties during his term of office.

Dr. Thompson acknowledged this thanks for the kind expression of the State Alliance etc., in a few short, pointed remarks.

Committee on N. C. R. R. submitted the following report which was adopted unanimously, viz :

WHEREAS, there are reasons to believe that the directors of the North

Carolina Raliroad are seriously considering the advisability of leasing the said road for a long period of time; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of this body no greater calamity could befall our beloved State than to put this, with one exception, the only railroad of any importance remaining in the hands of its original stockholders, under the control of a foreign corporation; and

WHEREAS, there yet remains six years before the expiration of the present lease, giving ample time for the submission of this great question to the people of North Carolina for their decision at the ballot box. Now, be it

Resolved, by the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, assembled at Cary, that we protest against any lease of this road before its submission to the people of North Carolina as unwise, inexpedient, and an outrage upon the rights of freemen.

Resolved 2, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Governor of North Carolina, and to the President of the North Carolina Railroad, both of whom were formerly the honored heads of this Order, and to the Hon. Chas. D. McIver, State proxy for North Carolina, and who holds in trust for the whole people of North Carolina a majority of the stock of said road.

Resolved 3, that the thanks of this Order are hereby tendered the The Progressive Farmer, News and Observer, and all other papers within our State who are opposing this lease, and that they are requested to publish these resolutions.

C. THOMPSON,
JOHN GRAHAM,
J. T. B. HOOVER,
W. A. GRAHAM,
J. M. MEWBOORNE,
E. A. MOYE,
Committee.

The above report of Committee ordered to be published.

The Executive Committee made report under resolution "E" as follows:

That it is impossible to find out during this session all that is necessary in regard to factory building and the Committee ask for time. The Committee's report received and amendment made to have the investigation continued by Committee.

The hour of 10:30 having arrived the meeting adjourned till 5 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President Thompson called the session to order promptly at 5 o'clock, p. m.

Resolution "S" by J. T. B. Hoover withdrawn by permission.

Resolution "R" by J. A. Thomas, adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the State Alliance in session at Cary, N. C., do reinforce the demands of the Alliance as adopted by the National Alliance last winter at Raleigh.

Resolved, That these demands, not in part, but in whole be adopted as the Alliance demands of North Carolina.

Resolution "S" read and adopted as follows by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Alliance be tendered to the officers of this Alliance for the past year for their faithful services.

Resolved further, That our thanks be especially tendered to the efficient Assistant Secretary, who by her presence has inspired the Alliance at this meeting to nobler, higher and purer motives.

Resolution "T" adopted as amended as follows:

Resolved, That the President and Executive Committee of the State Farmers' Alliance are hereby authorized to appoint a Lecturer for each district, and that they shall work under supervision of the State Lecturer.

Resolution "W" made special order for night session.

Session adjourned till 8 o'clock to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

Alliance called to order promptly at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Resolution "W" taken up, special order and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The cost of renting offices in Raleigh is a heavy burden upon the State Alliance. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee are hereby instructed to buy, lease or rent property in the town of Cary or elsewhere for the benefit of the State Alliance.

Remarks were made by delegates in regard to a shoe factory, who were not present when previous remarks were made by delegates at the beginning of the session.

Bertie county was transferred from the 1st Lecture district to the 2d. Upon motion Bro. Barker made remarks upon resolution "V," read and adopted as follows:

Resolved By the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, that we ex-

tend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Hunter, of this town, in the loss of her husband.

2. That our Secretary forward a copy of these resolutions to Mrs. Hunter.

Resolution "B" read and adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the railroads for reduced fare to and from the Alliance.

Resolution "11" adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the thanks of the North Caroline Farmers' State Alliance are hereby tendered the Legislature of 1895 for repealing the obnoxious amendments imposed upon our charter by the Legislature of '93.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved. That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the good people of Cary for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our session, and that we shall ever bear in grateful remembrance the many courtesies extended to us officially and individually.

Remarks were made by a number of brethren. Bro. Geo. T. Lane, our efficient Door-keeper spoke as follows :

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN :

I wish to say a few words. While I have been your Door-keeper for three years, this has been the most pleasant meeting I have ever attended, and I am glad to see the Alliance doing so well. There is no sign of its dying and I do hope that it will continue to grow and prosper.

Dear Brethren, I am more of an Allianceman to-day than ever before, and I expect to remain true to the cause as long as I live, and do hope that every one of us here will go home and go to work for the order with more zeal than ever before. I wish to say for those present and those who have attended this meeting, and as I said last year in behalf of the State Alliance at Greensboro, that no one has passed in the door by me with the perfume of whiskey on his breath.

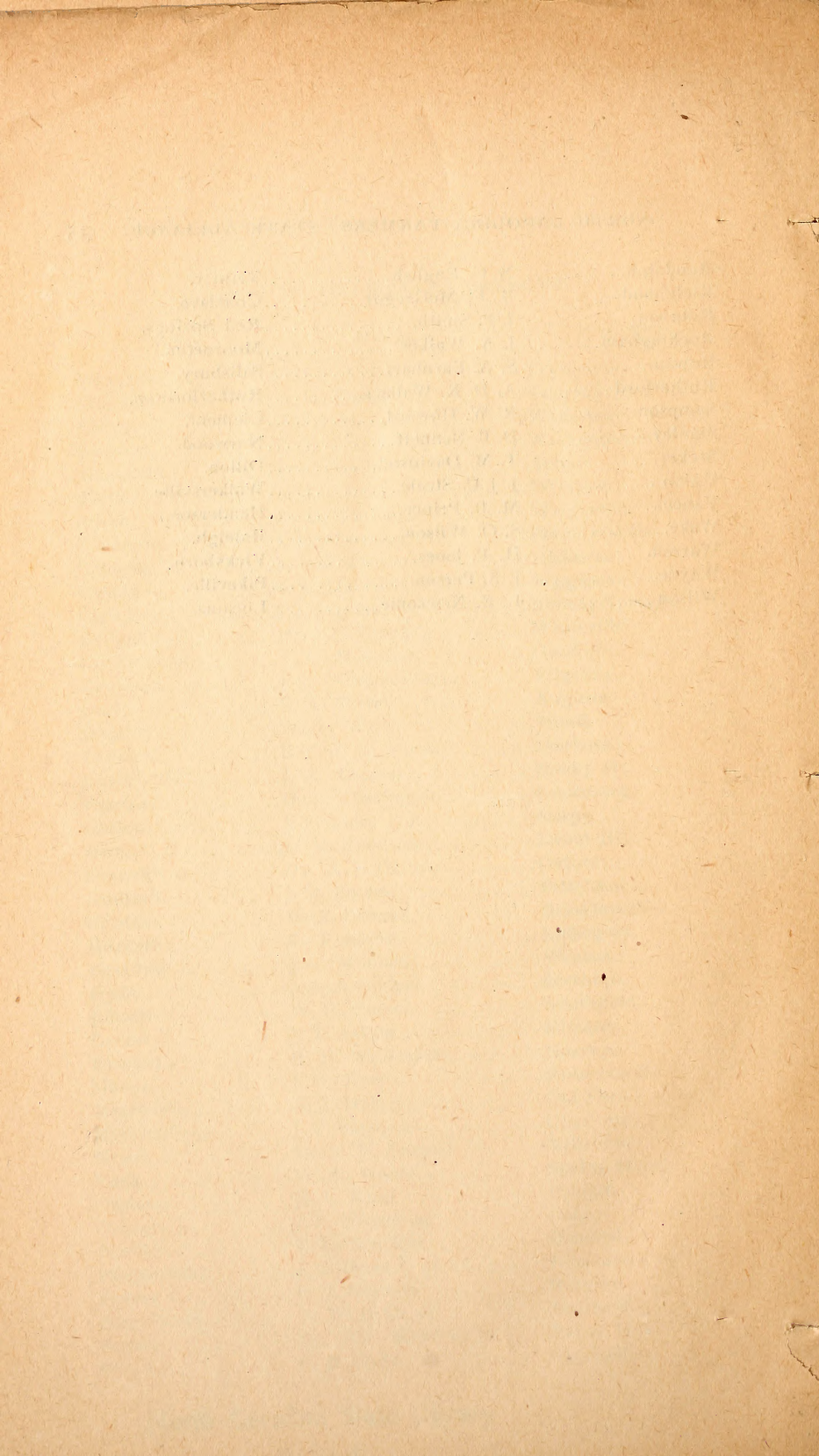
Now dear brethren, if I never shake hands with you again on earth, I hope to meet you all in heaven.

On motion the Ninth Annual Session of the State Alliance adjourned at 11 o'clock p. m.

LIST OF DELEGATES PRESENT.

County.	Delegate.	Post-office.
Alexander.....	John L. Lefter.....	Taylorville.
Alamance.....	H. M. Cates.....	Swepsonville.
Anson.....	Henry Haynie.....	Wadesboro.
Beaufort.....	T. E. Cutter.....	Washington.
Buncombe.....	T. J. Candler.....	Acton.
Bertie.....	A. J. Cobb.....	Windsor.
Burke.....	R. E. Whitener.....	Morganton.
Cabarrus.....	J. P. Morrison.....	Pioneer Mills.
Catawba.....	J. F. Click.....	Hickory.
Chatham.....	S. L. Herndon.....	Riggsbee.
Cleveland.....	J. H. Quinn.....	Boiling Springs.
Columbus.....	Dr. J. F. Harrell.....	Whiteville.
Cumberland.....	C. C. McLellan.....	Goodwin.
Davidson.....	J. F. Westmoreland.....	Pilgrim.
Davie.....	F. A. Foster.....	Augusta.
Duplin.....	Maury Ward.....	Joford.
Durham.....	Rev. P. H. Massey.....	Durham.
Edgecombe.....	J. A. Thomas.....	Rocky Mt.
Franklin.....	D. C. Tharington.....	Louisburg.
Gaston.....	J. E. Jones.....	Snapp.
Gates.....	D. H. Rountree.....	Drum Hill.
Granville.....	Dr. A. J. Dalby.....	Oxford.
Guilford.....	J. P. Boone.....	Pritchard.
Halifax.....	W. E. Bowers.....	Brinkleyville.
Harnett.....	Z. T. Kivett.....	Lillington.
Hertford.....	J. S. Mitchell.....	Winton.
Hyde.....	Joseph Hodges.....	Scranton.
Johnston.....	W. R. Creech.....	Smithfield.
Lenoir.....	J. T. Askew.....	Kinston.
Lincoln.....	R. H. W. Barker.....	Harvey.
Martin.....	J. O. Keel.....	Robesonville.
McDowell.....	A. J. Dula.....	Old Fort.
Mecklenburg.....	J. P. Sossaman.....	Charlotte.
Moore.....	Dr. V. N. Seawell.....	Villanow.
Nash.....	W. A. Moore.....	Spring Hope.
Onslow.....	H. E. King.....	Peanut.
Orange.....	J. S. Morrow.....	Oaks.
Pamlico.....	E. L. McCless.....	Oriental.
Pasquotank.....	J. C. Perry.....	Elizabeth City.
Pender.....	E. J. Sanders.....	Burgaw.
Perquimans.....	T. W. Babb.....	Hertford.
Person.....	Dr. Wm. Merritt.....	Bethel Hill.
Pitt.....	E. A. Moye.....	Greenville.

Randolph.....	N. C. English.....	Trinity.
Richmond.....	B. F. McGregor.....	Conclave.
Robeson.....	J. P. Smith.....	Red Springs.
Rockingham.....	J. A. Walker.....	Monroeton.
Rowan.....	S. A. Earnhart.....	Salisbury.
Rutherford.....	A. D. K. Wallace.....	Rutherfordton.
Sampson.....	R. W. Howard.....	Clement.
Stanley.....	D. B. Bennett.....	Norwood.
Stokes.....	T. M. Davidson.....	Dillon.
Union.....	J. J. C. Steele.....	Walkersville.
Vance.....	M. B. Prince.....	Henderson.
Wake.....	S. O. Wilson.....	Raleigh.
Warren.....	H. F. Jones.....	Vicksboro.
Wayne.....	J. E. Person.....	Pikeville.
Wilson.....	L. E. Newsome.....	Lucama.



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